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PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 07414.0009-01

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)
Jessica BARZILAI et al.	) ) Group Art Unit: 1797
Serial No.: 10/785,082	) Examiner: Samuel P. Siefke
Filed: February 25, 2004	) )
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR TRANSPORTING SAMPLE WELL TRAYS	) Confirmation No.: 8544 ) )
Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated March 27, 2008, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between:

Group I: Claims 13-18 and 38-45, allegedly drawn to an apparatus for

transporting sample well trays;

Group II: Claims 29, 30, and 37, allegedly drawn to a system for manipulating

sample well trays;

Group III: Claims 31-36, allegedly drawn to a method of manipulating sample

well trays; and

Group IV: Claims 46-48, allegedly drawn to a system for manipulating and

thermal cycling a sample well tray.

Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's apparent characterizations concerning the claims, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute Group IV (i.e., claims 46-48) in this application.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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